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THE COVER

We hope this shot of our Ice Cream Room in K-sub basement will give you a few cool moments during this super-sizzling Summer. *Mitchell Woods* of the Main Kitchen pinch hits at the ice-cream machine for the vacationing master of this pleasant domain, *James Grosse*. That's vanilla you see flowing into a 2½ gallon container; after freezing, it will be ready for serving in our cafeterias. The quart containers at the side are to be filled directly; they're for patient floors. Our little plant manufactures 78,000 quarts of ice cream yearly, varying production with more than 60 ice cream and 7 fruit ice flavors. (Photo by *Barbara Turkington*.)

22 Here Take Course In Human Relations

Twenty-two members of the Hospital staff with supervisory responsibilities recently completed a course in "Dynamics of Supervision and Human Relations" sponsored jointly by the Personnel Department of the Hospital and the New York State School of Industrial and Labor Relations, Cornell University.

Eight weekly sessions of the group discussion type were held here under the leadership of Harvey Schoenfeld, assistant director of Montefiore Hospital and a member of the extension staff of the New York State School. A dinner party in the Nurses' Residence was the wind-up of the course. Certificates of completion were presented by Dr. Henry N. Pratt at ceremonies in the Board of Governors Room.

Taking the course were Margaret Valentine, Physical Medicine; Mrs. Grace C. Kurtz, R. N., Vincent Astor; Frieda Ehnes, Central Laboratories; Mrs. Evelyn Belton, Pavilion Admitting; Mary Clark and Gertrude Karl, Record Room; Mary A. Kerins, R. N., Central Sterile Supply; Helen J. Campbell, Information; James M. Barritt, Glenn O. Lynaugh, Accounting; Mrs. Margaret A. Mohr, Telephone Room; Doris Place, R. N., Medical Nursing Service; Florence A. Gollner, R. N., Out-Patient Nursing Service; Adelle E. Groesbeck, X-ray; Florence Tritt, R. N., James R. Paterniti, R. N., and Jessie McIntosh, R. N., Auxiliary Staff supervisors; Edward W. Stitt, Personnel; Edna Tuffley, Operating Room Nursing Service; R. Louis Malloy, Administrative Assistant; Cathleen Tooley, and Esther Anderson, Clinic Aides supervisors.

Service Award Dinner Set For Dec. 2

Tuesday, December 2 has been selected as the date for the sixth annual Service Anniversary Award Dinner given under the auspices of the Joint Administrative Board to honor those who this year mark their 15th and 25th years of service to the Center. Department heads have been asked to send the name of their personnel in the "Class of '52" to Mr. Payson, Room G-111.

Further details of the dinner will be given in the October issue.

Notes from The Director's Office

My column this month is devoted to a frank and direct appeal to *everyone* to assist in our continuing efforts to make the Hospital a quieter place.

"Whistle while you work" is a pleasant bit of philosophy and unquestionably indicates a happy, contented worker. Enthusiasm for one's job is much to be desired. However, in a hospital, such expressions of enthusiasm must of necessity be subdued.

Stop and listen to the myriads of little noises that make up the symphony of sounds of the Hospital. These are easily endured. But the symphony is occasionally punctuated by dissident and unnecessary notes, usually produced by the thoughtlessness of someone doing a routine job. Remember the last time you were really sick and feeling miserable? What would have been your reaction to these harsh sounds?

It is amazing how loud talk, laughter, innocent banter among friends, or other sounds carry, particularly in the summer when windows and doors are open. We can be thankful that we are healthy enough not to be disturbed by noises or penetrating sounds like these. However, to our ill patients these sounds can be irritating and annoying, especially when trying to catch forty winks after a sleepless or pain-ridden night.

We have an enviable reputation for thoughtfulness, consideration and sympathetic understanding. A quiet decorum on the part of *everyone* in all parts of the Hospital will enhance this fine reputation.

Sometimes our new employees do not understand the importance of quiet and decorum because they have not had previous experience as workers in hospitals. You can be particularly helpful by assisting in the indoctrination of these new members of our family so that they, too, will quickly learn the importance of quiet. And we can remind each other.

Can we count on *you* to assist in our efforts to make the Hospital a quieter and more dignified place?

Henry Z. Pratt, M.D.

Dr. Spencer Becomes New O.P.D. Director

Dr. Thomas B. Spencer is our new Director of the Out-Patient Department succeeding Dr. George A. Wolf, Jr. who has become dean of the University of Vermont Medical College. He comes to us from Washington, D. C. where he has been executive director of the Committee on Medical Sciences, Research and Development Board, Department of Defense.

No stranger to The New York Hospital, Dr. Spencer did his residency in medicine here which began in April, 1942, was interrupted three months later by a call to duty in the Army Medical Corps, and was resumed after his discharge in September, 1945.

A native of Petersburg, Va., Dr. Spencer holds a B.A. degree from the University of North Carolina, received his M.D. degree from McGill University in 1939 and did his internship at Presbyterian Hospital here. During the war he was stationed at Camp Shelby and Mason General Hospital and was assistant chief of medicine of the latter at the time of discharge.

From January, 1947 to July, 1950, he was in private practice of internal medicine in Rochester, N. Y. and held staff

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Dr. Bayne-Jones To Aid Army Medical Research

Dr. Stanhope Bayne-Jones has been appointed Technical Director of Research for the Army Medical Research and Development Program. The duties include consultation and supervision of research projects of the Army Medical Department, and liaison and coordination of the Army medical research program with similar programs of civilian organizations, the other armed services and other government agencies.

Although the headquarters of the Army Medical Research and Development Board are at the Office of the Surgeon General in Washington, present arrangements will permit Dr. Bayne-Jones to serve on a part-time basis, and it is not expected that this new appointment will materially change his position as President of the Joint Administrative Board at this Medical Center.

OUR "PLANT DOCTOR" COMES CALLING



Miss Georgia Mason stops off on the H-8 solarium to leave some of the 200 geranium plants she has given to the Hospital this year. Patient Harry Minasian of Astoria admires one of the blooms raised in the greenhouse of the junior high school in Passaic, N. J., where she teaches.

Two years ago when she was convalescing at The New York Hospital following surgery, Miss Georgia Mason of Clifton, N. J. noticed that while the patients were getting well, the plants on the solarium of her hospital floor were definitely suffering a relapse.

"It was downright depressing looking at those wilting geraniums and begonias," she recalls.

After she was up and around, Miss Mason investigated the solarium on other floors and discovered more tired, run-down plants.

And so, Miss Mason, a general science teacher in a Passaic, N. J. junior high school, offered her services to the Hospital as a volunteer "plant doctor."

Her free time limited by the duties of her profession, Miss Mason frequently drives over from her home in Clifton, N. J. before school opens to "doctor" her leafy charges but more frequently she comes to the Hospital weekends. Her "office" is a locker in the Volunteer Department where she keeps her tools and

plant medicine: her uniform is the flamingo-colored smock which all volunteers wear at the Hospital.

Stimulated by Miss Mason's dedication to keeping plants healthy and by the results she has achieved, both the staff and patients follow her instructions on properly watering the plants in between her visits.

One of the most rewarding aspects of her volunteer duties, Miss Mason finds, is that her work serves to provide convalescent patients with conservation and new interests.

"When I'm around," she says, "they often reminisce aloud about their grandmothers' or mothers' gardens. Many ask me for advice on growing flowers. I can still remember the glow in the eyes of the patient when he told me that the African violet plant which had been slowly dying at his bedside was getting set to bloom again after I had taught him how to care for it."

In addition to caring for plants on
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We Go Over The Top For Greater N.Y. Fund

Everyone will be proud to know that our total contribution to the 1952 Greater New York Fund Drive was \$3,336.57. Surpassing our self-selected '52 goal of \$3,000, we also forged ahead of our 1951 contribution by \$463.01.

There were 2,154 of us who gave this year to the Greater New York Fund which helps support this Center and 422 other health and welfare agencies in the city.

80 Earn Degrees From Medical College

Seventy-seven men and three women received the degree of Doctor of Medicine from Cornell University Medical College at exercises held June 11 in the New York Academy of Medicine, 2 East 103rd St. President Deane W. Malott of Cornell conferred the degrees and Dr. Lloyd F. Craver, associate professor of clinical medicine, administered the Hippocratic oath.

Main speaker was Dr. Stanhope Bayne-Jones, president of the Joint Administrative Board of the Center, who warned the graduating class against the "danger of repression of liberty under the guise of efficiency." He asked for a revival of optimism based on the freedom inherent in medicine and the optimistic outlook a doctor must have else he would not be devoting his life to the fostering of health, the prevention of disease and the cure of sickness.

President Malott called upon the graduates to assume intellectual leadership in non-medical fields.

The John Metcalfe Polk Prize for the highest academic standing in the four years went to Lewis Shenker who also took first prize for efficiency in Otolaryngology. Other "efficiency" prizes went to Leston L. Havens, Ophthalmology and Medicine, and John A. Mitchell, Obstetrics. The graduating class voted "the good physician award" to Peter Stokes. Research prizes were won by John Bellville and George Shields.

The doctor's waiting room was full. Every chair was taken. Some patients talked for a while and then silence fell. Finally one old man stood up wearily and remarked: "I guess I'll just go home and die a natural death."



TRACY F. STORCH

Mr. Storch Joins Staff As Executive Assistant

Tracy F. Storch, a former administrative intern here, will take over the former duties of Vassar W. Johnson as Executive Assistant for Services and Supplies about August 18. Mr. Johnson went to Westchester Division this Spring as assistant steward.

Mr. Storch, many of us will recall, was at the Hospital during 1949-50 to fulfill the year internship requirement of his course in hospital administration in the School of Public Health, Columbia University. He received his M.S. degree in 1950.

Since that time he has been director of the North Country Hospitals, three institutions under one administration located in the Lake Ontario region of New York State. These hospitals are at Gouverneur, Canton, and Alexandria Bay.

A native of Allentown, Pa., Mr. Storch holds a B.S. degree from Muhlenberg College and took graduate work in engineering at Lehigh University. He was with the Bethlehem Steel Corporation for several years before entering the Armed Forces. Mr. Storch served three years as an enlisted man with the 13th Airborne Division and saw duty in the ETO. Following his discharge, he was on the administrative staff of St. Luke's Hospital for a short time before entering Columbia.

Old Pulses Never Die Thanks To Mr. Kenney

You've read this sentence in the PULSE many times in stories about retirement of long-time members of the Center "family": "A bound volume of copies of the Pulse, autographed by department heads and friends, was presented to Mr. (Miss or Mrs.) So and So."

Thanks to the generosity of John F. Kenney, head of the Linen and Laundry Department, at least ten men and women have gone into retirement with this lasting memento of associates and events.

Mr. Kenney started his custom of presenting volumes of our house organ bound in a handsome dark blue cover with gold lettering when Dr. George Wheeler retired in 1948 after 36 years of service. Since the time, the Kenney "treatment" for retiring staff members has been in wide demand. His latest presentations were to three members of his own department.

While Mr. Kenney apparently seems to have a bottomless supply of Pulses — these "bequeathed" to him by a former editor. Leonard McHugh, when he left the Hospital — our genial "Good Samaritan" says he is running low now on first editions. So dig down into your own archives, won't you, and see if you can help him out. Otherwise, future recipients of Mr. Kenney's farewell gifts will find their bound volumes lacking early issues of the Pulse, which has been published since June, 1939. The Pulse office is trying to keep Mr. Kenney supplied with later issues.

PLEA FOR "PLATTERS"

If your Johnny Ray discs make you laugh instead of cry; if you've outgrown Tchaikowsky; if your Sinatra records no longer "send" you, don't break 'em over your knee. What bores you may cheer up our patients, declares Mrs. Claire Glasser, director of Occupational Therapy for the Main Hospital, in making an appeal for records.

The Volunteer Department, H-017, is acting as the collection agency for your old "platters."

From Here To Eternity: By Bus

Vacations mean long-range planning for most of us: we study maps, read guide books and resort folders for months in advance, and long before it's time to go away, everything's set.

But Rose Fitzgerald, night nurse in the Nurses' Infirmary, does things differently.

"I never know where I'm going till I get to the Greyhound bus depot on 50th Street," she declares. "The boys all know me down there and they're never surprised when I name my destination."

Miss Fitzgerald's friends at the Nurses' Residence where she lives are quite accustomed to seeing her casual "take-off" for her annual month's leave. Her single suitcase contains as few dresses as possible ("I buy more enroute as I need them") and at least one pair of sturdy walking shoes.

"What's your forwarding address?" they ask, knowing that the retort will be her usual Wizard of Oz phrase, "Down the Yellow Brick Road."

Travelling the "Brick Road" by bus, Miss Fitzgerald has gone to practically every corner of the United States: she's been to Mexico twice. Last year, she went to Alaska — by bus to Seattle and then by boat to Seward.

Reservations?

"Poof. I never make them anywhere," she says. "Why last year, I was told that the boat trip to Alaska was booked solid for six months. But my motto has always been 'Never take no for an answer.' I walked up to the ticket office, chatted a while and came away with a cancelled reservation for one of the best cabins on the ship."

This summer, Miss Fitzgerald took a trip through the Smokies — by bus, of course — and then paid a surprise visit to the Holy Family Mission for Negroes in Ensley, Alabama where she volunteered her services as a nurse for a few years before coming to the Hospital in 1941.

Wherever she goes, Miss Fitzgerald buys kodachrome slides of her travels. She never carries a camera.

"No use trying to beat the experts on taking pictures of scenic views," she observes.

Her vast collection of slides provides entertainment for nurses and students confined to the Infirmary.



With kodachrome slides and a viewer, student nurse Patricia Devine Urban goes on a guided bedside tour of places that her Infirmary nurse, Rose Fitzgerald has really seen. Miss Fitzgerald's vast collection of slides is famous with Infirmary "veterans."

"How'd you like to take a trip to the Dakota Badlands today?" she'll ask.

Before the patient has a chance to ask for an explanation, Miss Fitzgerald will produce her viewer and the slides and the sick one will be off on bedside travels not only to the Badlands but to the entire North American continent.

Next year, Miss Fitzgerald hopes to go to Europe. She's not sure whether she'll take a plane or boat to get there but once she lands, back to the buses.

"I tell everyone that when I die, I want my coffin carried to the cemetery in a bus instead of a hearse," Miss Fitzgerald says with a chuckle.

Before that final bus ride, however, she plans to get in much more sight-seeing. She says her yen to see the world began with her 22 years of service in the Armed Forces. She spent five years in the Army Nurse Corps, including a tour of duty in Europe during World War I; switching her allegiance to the Navy, she put in 15 more years of duty, including service in the Orient, and retired in 1937.

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hand, Miss Mason has presented more than 200 pots of pink and red geraniums to the Hospital. These have been placed on the solaria of pavilions. The plants were raised in the greenhouse of the school where Miss Mason teaches, her students having helped her in this project.

Lots of Luck As They Leave Us

Dr. Charles T. Dotter, assistant attending radiologist, assistant professor of radiology and instructor in medicine at the Center, will leave us shortly to become professor of radiology and head radiologist of the University of Oregon Medical School and Hospitals, Portland. He will assume these duties on Oct. 1. Dr. Dotter first came to the Center in 1946 as an intern.

Miss Bernice Carrington, assistant director of Nursing Service and assistant professor of nursing, left the Center on Aug. 1 to become assistant director of nursing at Beth Israel Hospital, Boston. A member of the Center staff since February, 1949, Miss Carrington had as her major work the recruitment of staff nurses, processing of applicants, nurse licensing and interpreting of staff relationships.

Miss Edna Fritz, head of Medical Nursing Service and assistant professor of medical nursing, will leave us Sept. 12 for new duties with the National League for Nursing, 2 Park Avenue. She will head a study of curriculum in basic collegiate schools of nursing to be conducted by the National League for Nursing under a five-year grant from the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. Miss Fritz, who has held her present duties since 1949, was for two years previously nursing administrative assistant in charge of staff education. She first came to the Center in 1942 and has been on the staff since with the exception of a year and one-half with Massachusetts General Hospital.

DR. SPENCER

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appointments at Strong Memorial, Genesee and Rochester General Hospitals. He was also an assistant in medicine at the University of Rochester School of Medicine and was personnel physician of the University.

Dr. Spencer went to his position with the Committee on Medical Sciences in Washington in August, 1950 and was deputy executive director before receiving a promotion to executive director in June, 1951. He had also been an associate in medicine at George Washington University School of Medicine and at the University and Gallanger Hospitals.

HOSPI-TALES

Here and There: *Dr. William C. Wescoe*, CUMC '44, and former assistant professor of pharmacology here, is the new dean of the School of Medicine at the University of Kansas. At the age of 32, he is probably the youngest medical college dean in the nation. Congrats! . . . Major *Louis J. West*, who was on the resident staff of Payne Whitney for three years, left July 1st for San Antonio, Texas, to join the 3700th Med. Group, CATRC, Lackland Air Force Base . . . *Dr. Leonard Straub* and *Dr. Rene Ferguson* of Payne Whitney are going into private practice . . . *Dr. Charles J. Kensler*, assistant professor of pharmacology, CUMC, is the new president of the State Society for Medical Research. . . . And our neighbor, Memorial, joins the ranks of medical centers with staff publications. The mimeographed publication which made its debut in July has no name yet but a contest with a portable radio as the stake should inspire a good one. . . . Our sympathy to *Blanche Fermbach* of Accounting on the death of her mother and to the widow of George English, former student X-ray technician who died June 16. . . . Members of the American Institute of Architects toured the Hospital on June 26 while on convention in New York. Augmenting the tour guide service provided by Public Relations was Henry R. Shepley, the Center's architect.

Lullaby Lane: *Dr. and Mrs. Charles T. Dotter* are the proud parents of a son Jeffrey Churchill, born June 4. . . . It was a daughter on June 13 for *Dr. Christian De Winter* and Mrs. De Winter, the former *Ann Saunders* of the Lying-In staff. . . . If you've missed *Ann Marie Euchler* in the Garden Dining Room, you'll be happy to know she's home taking care of a baby girl now. Hubby *John Euchler* helps out when he's not busy taking care of our air conditioning.

Wedding Belles and Beaux: *Rose Perna* of Dr. S. Z. Levine's office, is now Mrs. Charles Mullen. . . . *Evelyn Wolff*, head of Pediatric O. T., became the bride of Sydney J. Krause of Paterson, N. J., on July 18. Her husband's working for his doctorate in English Lit at Columbia. . . . Two parties were held for *Dorothy Clymer*, instructor in science, Nursing

School, before her marriage to Norman Oakes on July 3. At a party given by the Nursing School staff members from second floor of the Nurses' Residence, Dorothy was presented with a flagship filled with dollar bills to spend on the honeymoon trip to Europe this Fall. The second party was tendered her by Nutrition staff who gave her gifts of flat silver. Dorothy and her husband will spend a year in England. . . . On Aug. 23, *Emma Jean Higginson*, instructor and supervisor in Lying-In, will walk down the aisle of Park Ave. Christian Church with Joseph C. Wilson, Jr. He's a teacher at Bloomfield, N. J. Junior High. . . . *Helen O'Shea* of Payne Whitney will marry Maurice Hebb, a law student, on Aug. 20. . . . *Theresa Mele*, former secretary in the resident's office of Payne Whitney, was married July 13 to Peter Schobloch. Theresa, a former PULSE staff member, is now secretary to Drs. Francis Kane and Stephen Goodyear. . . . *Dr. Charles A. LeMaistre* of Medicine took Joyce Tripp as his bride on June 3. . . . *Paul F. Nugent, Jr.*, junior in the Medical College, was wed to Caroline Gibson of Hudson Falls on July 19. . . . *Dr. Carol Remmer* of Pediatrics was married on July 19 to Capt. William D. Angle, U.S. A.F., a Harvard Med School grad. . . . *Maida Mayran* of Payne Whitney exchanged vows with Robert Hoffman, N.Y.U. dental student, on June 15. . . . *Szetu Dju*, administrative assistant, Nursing Service, became the bride of Z. T. Ing, a researcher with the Library of Congress, on July 15 in Washington. . . . Future X-ray Department brides are *Mickey Concannon*, who will marry Joseph Pilek, a Navy man, and *Doris (Kay) Smith*, secretary to Dr. Charles T. Dotter, who will wed Charles A. Baresch, an engineer. . . . Sept 13 will be the wedding day of *Nanette Horschowsky*, technician on G-8, to Bernard Mitteldorf, a pharmacist. Her co-workers feted her at a shower recently. . . . Another bride-to-be is Elizabeth Mutch, '53, School of Nursing, who is the fiancee of Richard B. Thomas, Jr.

With Our International Set: By ship and plane, they come and go: *Joan Riker*, nurse in Private Patients, sails Sept. 5 on the Ile de France, accom-

panied by her mother. . . . Three members of Dr. Milhorat's staff on the transatlantic wing too: *Dr. Milton Farber*; *Dr. Anne Milman*, who sailed on the maiden voyage of the United States to attend the Bio-Chemical Congress in England, and *Leaore Rosenbaum*, technician, who participated in a choral festival in Israel in addition to touring the Continent. . . . *Helen R. Lincoln*, head of Medical Record Department, will read a paper at the First International Congress on Medical Records to be held in London in September. Her subject will be: "Disease Classification for Diagnostic Indexing". . . . *Dr. Thomas Scanlan* of Payne Whitney resident staff was another recent tourist to France and Italy. . . . *Louise Hazeltine*, head nurse on G-6, and *Ursula Promann*, formerly of Pediatrics, toured Europe together. . . . In this hemisphere, *Jane Haber*, technician in charge of the Blood Bank, recently returned from a cruise to Havana and Nassau and *Jessie McIntosh, R.N.*, supervisor of Auxiliary Staff, cruised on the St. Lawrence River last month.

Sweet Girl Graduate: *Doris Peacock*, 14, who has been a patient here for nearly two years, received her grammar school diploma at graduation exercises held June 25 on the porch of N-4. Mrs. Mary King, principal of P. S. 401, Manhattan, which has a teacher on duty here and at other hospitals in the area, made the presentation. A party in Doris' honor given by the staff of N-4 followed. Doris also received an honorary diploma from her hometown school in Ogdensburg, N.J.

Hails and Farewells: After seven years in the Social Service Department, *Barbara Murphy*, casework supervisor, leaves us Aug. 15 for advanced study at the New York School of Social Work. . . . Welcome to four new members of the Social Service staff of Payne Whitney: *Dorothy Jones*, *Nancy Brewer*, *Herbert Hoffnung*, and *Ruth Downing*. Miss Downing comes to us after three years of working with displaced persons in Munich for Church World Service. . . . Welcome to the new dietetic interns who begin their training this month after completing college degree work. They are *Mary C. Roth*, U. of Connecticut; *Hazel B. Ready*, Florida State U.; *Maralee L.*

McReynolds, U. of Idaho; *Lois Ann Hasenauer*, St. Joseph College; *Nancy L. Vosburgh*, U. of Maryland; *Carol Sullivan*, U. of Massachusetts; *Joan Dane*, U. of New Hampshire; *Denise Cutler*, Cornell; *Joan Mojceck*, Misericordia College; *Susan Foresman*, Penn State, and *Margaret A. Mackay*, Acadia U., Nova Scotia. . . . New members of Dr. Rennie's staff in Payne Whitney are *Dr. M. K. Opler* and *Dr. Leo Srole*. . . . *Howard Crouch*, former supervisor of orderlies, has returned as a temporary administrative assistant in Nursing Service; he will study full time at Columbia this Fall towards a M.S. in hospital administration. . . . Two new faces on the professional staff of Nutrition: *Eileen Barry*, dietitian on H-3, who comes to us after an internship at Peter Bent Brigham Hospital in her native Boston; *Joy Biska*, therapeutic dietitian, Private Patients, one of our own dietetic intern graduates of last month. . . . Two of Dr. Milhorat's aides leaving to do advanced study: *Gloria Orlando*, to be a teaching fellow in physiology at Vassar and *Demetra Silides* to be a graduate fellow in biochemistry at McGill. . . . *Ceevah Rosenthal* has resigned from Payne Whitney Social Service Staff to open a workshop for epileptics at the Institute for the Crippled and Disabled. . . . *Dr. Ralph W. Nauss*, parasitologist in Central Laboratories for ten years, retired Aug. 1. He has been succeeded by *Dr. B. H. Kean*. . . . *Belle Meadows*, technician on K-6, and a member of the Hospital staff for 22 years, retired and returned to her former home in Hinton, West Va. Her co-workers feted her before she left. . . . A watermelon punch party was held in the Nurses' Residence on July 23 by the House Committee in honor of *Ileue Long*, its former chairman who is returning to her native San Francisco, after seven years on the NYH nursing staff, most recently with Employees' Health Service. The party also honored *Clara Hawton* of M-2, outgoing treasurer of House Committee. . . . A party was given by Laundry Department in honor of *Mrs. Mary Ferrari*, *Dora Yankovich*, and *Mercedes Basnuevo*, who retired on June 30. Mrs. Ferrari, who has been with NYH for 31 years, was presented with a bound copy of the PULSE, dating from the first issue in June '39 to the most recent. She also received a letter of commendation from Dr. Pratt. The Misses Yankovich and Basnuevo also received bound copies of

the house organ and letters of commendation from Mrs. Platt. . . . *Rebecca Gadsden*, for eight years a member of Payne Whitney housekeeping staff, retired June 30. . . . Welcome to *William Develauey*, our new administrative intern.

Worcestershire: *William Worcester*, our former administrative intern, has gone to Worcester, Mass., to become assistant administrator of Memorial Hospital.

FROM OUR COUNTRY COUSINS

Certificates Awarded: Thirteen members of the Westchester Division staff and personnel representing seven different departments recently received Red Cross certificates marking the completion of the 22-hour standard First Aid Course. Giving the course was *Ellen Phelan*, director of the Women's Physical Education Department.

Annual Country Fair: With the cooperation of the weather, the traditional Fourth of July festivities were held outdoors. Games of the carnival type in booths decorated with red, white and blue bunting, a strolling accordion player, many gallons of fruit punch and ice cream and the pastry chef's luscious petit fours all added up to a delightful afternoon for patients, their relatives and friends. About 200 guests attended.

Company to Dinner: Once a year, the Governors of NYH hold their regular monthly meeting at Westchester and remain to dine with the professional staff and department heads. Held on June 3 this year, the meeting afforded an opportunity to have a relaxed and friendly visit with the members of the Board.

Hail and Farewell: We bid farewell to *Earl C. Rowe*, for the past eight years in charge of the print shop of the Men's Occupational Therapy Department. This is a very popular activity, for many patients are newspapermen at heart and enjoy working with type and printer's ink to produce forms and other printed materials used in the Hospital. Mr. Rowe is succeeded by *Vincent Marritt*. Another new instructor in Men's O.T. is *John Wisinski* whose special interest is portrait and landscape painting.

Anniversary Waltz: *Alfred Lewendon*, head florist, and Mrs. Lewendon recently celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary. Mr. Lewendon has been engaged in the cultivation of flowers at Westchester for 34 years.

We Ate Plenty Of Berries!

With the temperature at the boiling point, strawberry garnished ice cream and punch never tasted better to the Center crowd than they did on June 26 at the annual Strawberry Festival to raise money for special activities in Pediatric Occupational Therapy. Net profits amounted to \$205.90, about \$14 under last year's proceeds. About \$50 of this amount was made delivering strawberry sundaes to people who preferred the relative shade of their offices to a place in the scorching sun on the roof of N Building where the Festival was held.

Those who braved Old Sol's rays, however, were rewarded with music by an accordianist whose services were provided by the Volunteer Department. Mrs. Evelyn Wolff Krause, head of Pediatric O. T., was assisted in running the event by a group of 11 volunteers and several Occupational Therapy students. Chairmen of the various committees included Mrs. Marilyn Kalin, the Misses Isobel Manne, Betty Hamburger and Mary Catherine Frey; Mrs. J. Robert Moskin, and Mrs. Henry Cohan. Hostesses were Mrs. Eleanor Blumgart, director of the NYH Nursery School; Miss Agnes Schubert, head of Pediatric Nursing Service, and Mrs. Margaretta Treherne-Thomas, director of the Volunteer Department.

During Strawberry Festival Week, Ernest Ricciardelli, Hospital barber, gave free haircuts to all children on N-4 and said he would do the same next year, too.

"Hospital Management" Salutes NYH

From cover through content, the July issue of Hospital Management Magazine is dedicated to The New York Hospital.

With the accent on administrative procedures, the story summarizes the activities of various departments and also dips back into history to show the growth of the Hospital during its 181 years of service. The article was written by members of the Public Relations staff with the cooperation of department heads.

Reprints are available in the Personnel Department.

Youth is when you sit on the ground without first spreading a handkerchief.

WITH PUNCH: NOSTALGIA



Paul Parker Photo

Ann Knowlton '52 and Toshiye ("Chris") Kawaguchi, '53 serve punch to Miss Minnie Jordan '02, wearing uniforms that were the style when she was a student at our School of Nursing. The occasion was a reception, one of the events on June 12 commemorating the 75th anniversary of the School. At the morning convocation, Miss Jordan, who was Director of Nursing at NYH from 1916 to 1932, became the second nurse in the Hospital's history to be awarded a "President's Chair" by the Board of Governors. Fifty years of nursing behind her, Miss Jordan is still on the job as director of volunteers at French Hospital. About 600 alumnae including eighty-six year old Annie W. Goodrich, '91, founder and first dean of the Army and Yale University Schools of Nursing, participated in the celebration.

VACATION

Two weeks with pay they gave me —
 Oh I could hardly wait!
 I had my citronella
 And a worm or two for bait.
 I thought I'd swim and golf and dance —
 The fishing was the best.
 But on one thing I'd take a stance —
 "I'm really here for rest!"
 But I came back badly shaken
 Exhausted as could be.
 I thought I'd had a Vacation
 But the Vacation really had me!

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Mrs. Platt Named
Personnel Director

Acting director of personnel since December, 1951, Mrs. Mildred S. Platt now has been appointed director of personnel.

A member of the NYH staff since April 1945, Mrs. Platt previously was assistant director of the Nutrition Department in charge of personnel. She is a graduate of Syracuse University and before coming here had been on the nutrition staffs of hospitals in Brooklyn and Newark.

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12 Women Complete
Dietetic Internships

Twelve young women who completed a year's dietetic internship in the Nutrition Department of the Hospital, supplementing four years of college training in the field of hospital dietetics, were graduated July 29. Dr. Henry N. Pratt presided at the ceremony held in the Board of Governors Room.

Since the first class of dietetic interns was accepted at the Hospital in 1940, 177 young women have taken training to qualify for positions here and at other teaching hospitals and for membership in the American Dietetic Association. Dr. Pratt told the commencement gathering. He announced that three of this year's graduates are joining our Nutrition Department, and that another, Naomi H. Steinmetz of Baltimore, will leave for Guntur, India in September to become a dietitian and Lutheran missionary at the Anna Kugler Hospital. Four dietetic interns who will complete their work next January also participated in the ceremony, which was followed by a reception.

In Memoriam

Dr. William J. Elser, pathologist, who retired in 1938 after long service with the Hospital and Medical College, died of a heart attack on July 6 at his home in Kent, Conn. He was seventy-nine years old.

Dr. Elser began his teaching career at the Medical College in 1901 as an instructor in pathology and at the time of his retirement was professor of applied pathology and bacteriology and professor of bacteriology and immunology. During this period he also worked in much the same field at the Hospital as assistant pathologist, then as director of the Division of Laboratories, and finally, from 1932-33 as director of Central Laboratories.

Miss Frances Shaler, former secretary to Miss Theodate Soule, director of the Social Service Department of the Main Hospital, died at her home in New York on June 21. She had retired in June, 1951 after having been a member of the Hospital staff since May, 1933.

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